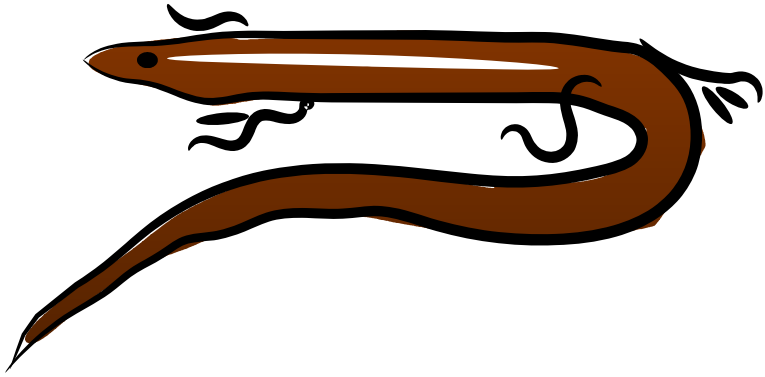


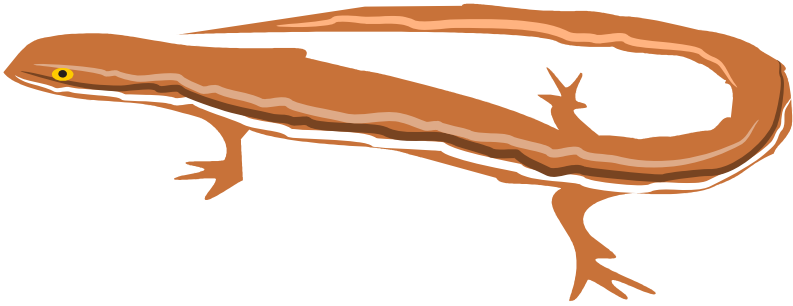
Dwarf skink & leaning tree



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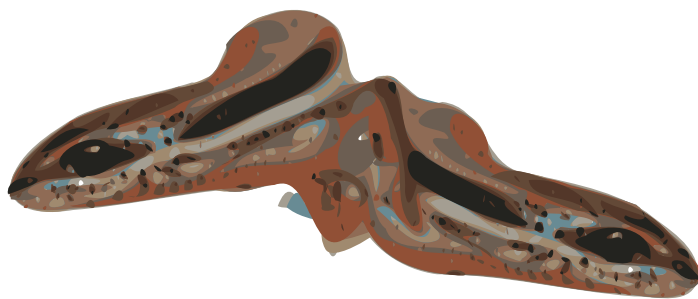


Once upon a time
There was a dwarf
skink

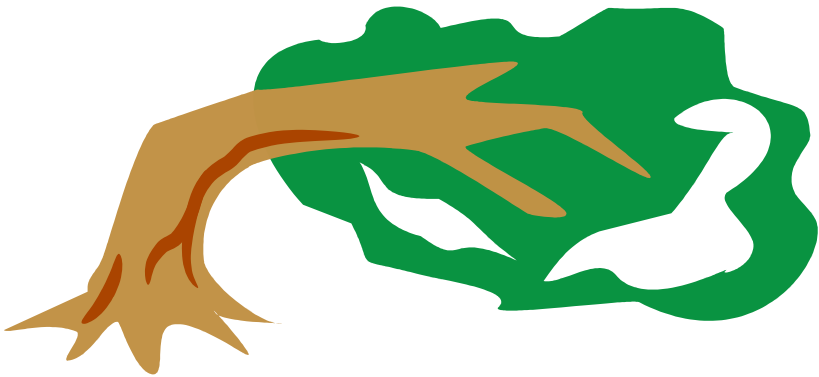


Her name was
Ava

She lived with her
sister Matilda

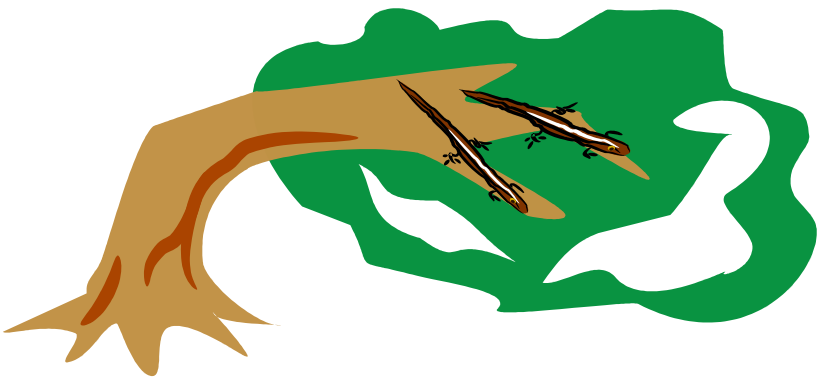


Every day they
went to the leaning
tree to catch flies



The two lizards
hung from a
branch.

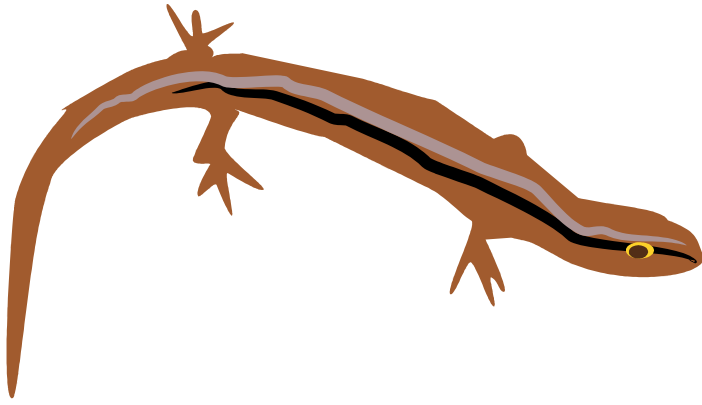
They waited for a
fly to go
underneath.



Then they let go.

It was hard to
catch flies.





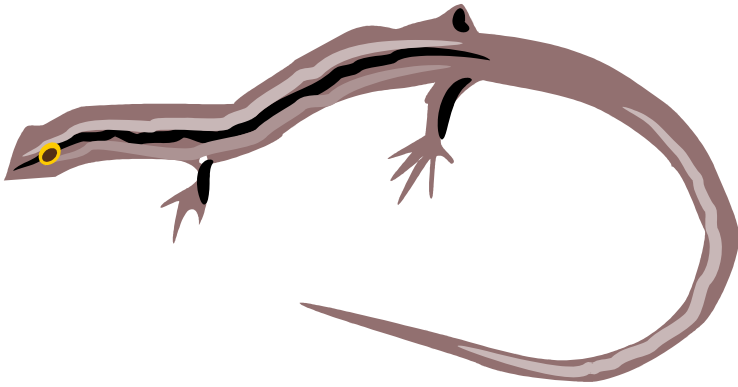
One day, Ava said
"Today I am going
to learn
something".

"Tree", she called
out, "teach me
something"



"I am just a leaning
tree" said the tree,

"what can I teach a
Lizard?"



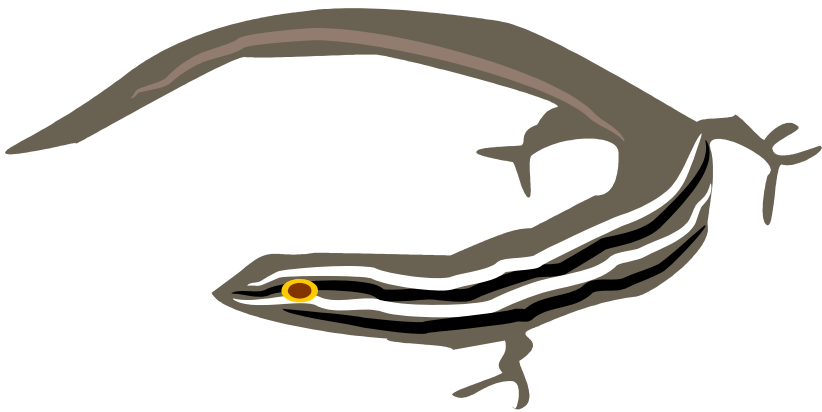
Matilda Giggled. She
was keeping still
waiting for the fly.

"Teach me to lean"
said Ava.

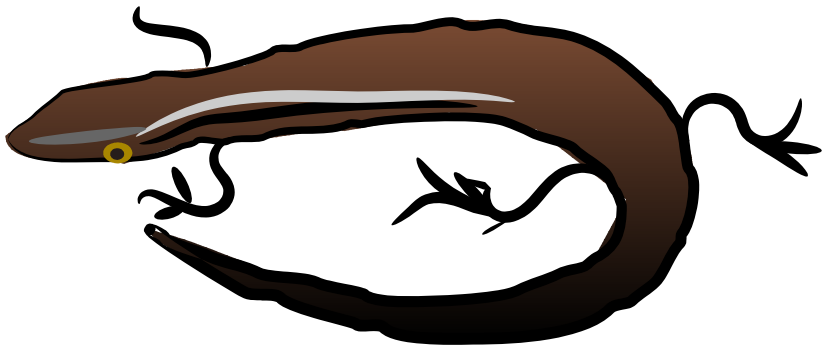


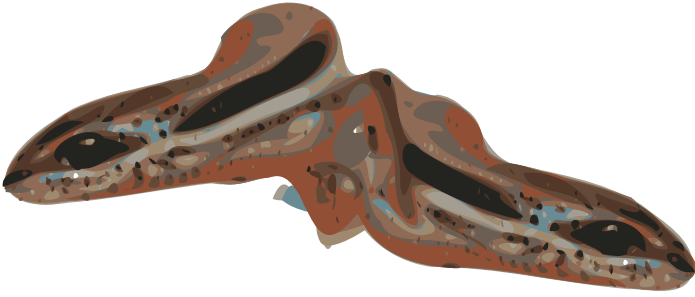
"Bend to one side"
said the tree. Ava
leaned to one side.

Just then a fly
appeared. Ava
straightened her
tail and her body
lurched forward.

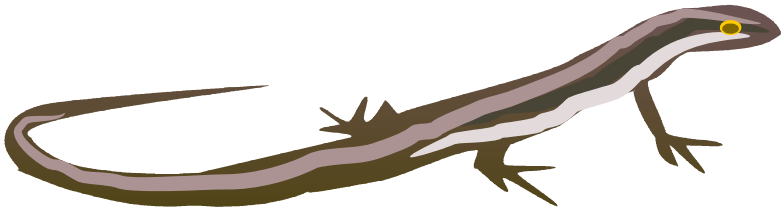


Ava lurched exactly
where the fly was.
She caught the fly
in her mouth.





Both lizards fell to
the ground
laughing.



"You learned a
great lesson
today", Matilda
said, "Please teach
me how to lean
and lurch".

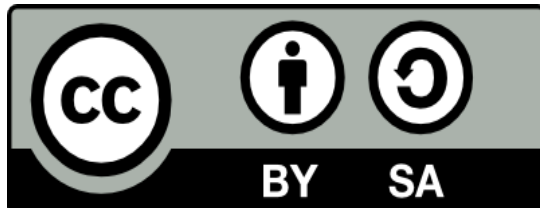
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